(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of Bangladeshi refugees as on date in the country; and

(e) by when they all are likely to be repatriated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) In continuation of recent discussions between India and Bangladesh, a meeting between chakma refugee leaders and Bangaladesh authorities was arranged at Ramgarh (Bangladesh) on June 30, 1994. At this meeting, it was agreed to schedule the commencement of the second phase of repatriation from July 21, 1994 during which nearly 3800 refugees would return. Earlier, a total of 1854 refugees returned to Bangladesh in February, 1994.

(d) The total number of refugees now staying in Tripura is approximately 54,000.

(e) while we favour speedy repatriation of all Bangladeshi refugees in full safety and dignity, it is difficult, to indicate the date of completion of repatriation at this stage.

Visit of heads of foreign stes/Governments to India

171. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of visits of Heads of States and Heads of Governments and other dignitaries from various countries who visited India from December, 1992 to June, 1994.

(b) the brief details of the subjects discussed by the Government with them, visit-wise;

(c) whether any agreements and treaties have been reached during these visits;

(d) if so, the details thereof, visit-wise; and

(e) the details of the Heads of States and Heads of the Governments likely to visit India by the end of December, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): A list showing visits of Heads of State/Government and Foreign Ministers from various countries to India from December 1992 to June 1994 is at Annexure-I. [See Appendix 171, Annexure No. 4]

(b) to (d) The information is as per Annexure-II. [See Appendix 171, Annexure No. 4].

(e) Not yet finalised. However, the following visit has taken place in July:

July 7-8, 1994—His Excellency Mr Jozef Moravcik, Prime Minister of Slovak.

Indo-China joint working group

172. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the 7th Session of the Indo-China Joint working Group (JWG) held in Beijing earlier this month;

(b) to what extent it contributed to the improvement of Indo-China relations and implementation of confidence building measures between the two countries;

(c) whether during the visit to China, the Foreign Secretary also made efforts to resolve bilateral, regional and international issues through foreign offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) During the 7th meeting of